



Good

Friday

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Zwingli UCC

March 29, 2024



Welcome to Emmanuel !

Service of Tenebrae and Seven Last Words of Christ

March 29, 2024

*Welcome to our friends from
Zwingli UCC, Souderton*

All are welcome here at Emmanuel regardless of your faith affiliation.

All parts of today's worship service are printed in this bulletin, including words for the songs. If you would like to sing with music, books are provided in the racks on the back of the seat in front of you. The song or page number is provided for easy look up.

Restrooms are located in the hall off the Gathering Space immediately to the left. Please see a member of our host families for assistance.

Please silence your phones throughout tonight's worship service.

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Introduction to the Day

Tetelestai!

Tetelestai is a Greek word that is usually translated in English at "It is finished", one of the seven last words of Jesus spoken from the cross, according to the gospels. It is also a word that pertains especially to our understanding of what happened on Good Friday with Jesus' death on the cross, which meant more than just the end of Jesus' life.

Tetelestai might be better translated as "It is completed!" or it is fulfilled. In common Greek use, it was often the word that was stamped on debt notices indicating that the obligation had been paid in full. Therefore, when Jesus said "Tetelestai!" he was not just saying his life was over, but proclaiming the will of God complete and the promises of God fulfilled.

It is with this understanding of "Tetelestai!" that we enter into our solemn worship on Good Friday. The altar and chancel area have been stripped of adornments, symbolizing the barrenness and humiliation of the cross. We observe a service of Tenebrae, the Latin word for darkness. Tenebrae is a devotional and meditative service during which we remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus and provides time for adoration of the Lamb of God and his sacrifice for us. The darkness in the church recalls the darkness which surrounded the cross and covered the earth from noon until 3 o'clock when Jesus died.

SEVEN CANDLES

There are seven candles in the front of the church, symbolizing the seven last sayings or "words" Jesus said from the cross as death approached. Throughout the service the candles are put out and the lights are dimmed representing the extinguishing of the life of Jesus. Near the close of the service, a candle is returned to the altar as we remember the hope of the promised resurrection.

SILENCE

In keeping with the solemnity of the day, there will be no post-service music as we end in silence. The altar area and cross will remain available following the end of the service to allow time for individual meditation and reverence of the cross.

The stillness and darkness surrounding us tonight are intended to contrast with the bright and glorious celebration of Easter morning when we proclaim in the promise of the resurrection – "The Lord is Risen."

THE SERVICE

PRELUDES:

"O Lord, to Me, Poor Sinner"
- Dietrich Buxtehude

"O World I Now Must Leave Thee"
- Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Repeat Three Times)

Behold the life-giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

GATHERING SONG

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (803)

**1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

(please be seated)

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

O my people, O my church,
how have I offended you?
What more could I have done for you?

I led you out of slavery into freedom,
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,

Forty years I led you through the desert,
feeding you with manna on the way;

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,
keeping you safe as you wandered
leading you to the land of promise

I poured out saving water from the rock,
quenching your thirst for refreshment

I saved you from the time of trial
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven
to nourish you and assure you of my love.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church,
how have I offended you?
What more could I have done for you?

I planted you as my fairest vineyard,
but you brought forth bitter fruit;

I made you branches of the vine
and never left your side,

I poured out my life
and gave you the new covenant in my blood

I grafted you into my people Israel,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

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THE SOLEMN REPROACHES (cont'd)

O my people, O my church,
how have I offended you?
What more could I have done for you?

I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;

I gave you the kingdom
and crowned you with eternal life,
but you gave me a crown of thorns;

I came to you in the least
of your brothers and sisters,
but I was hungry and you gave me no food,
thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church,
how have I offended you?
What more could I have done for you?

I lifted you up to the heights,
but you lifted me high on a cross;

I raised you from death
and prepared for you the tree of life,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
But you have prepared a cross for you Saviour.

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**By your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SONG

There in God's Garden (342)

- 1 There in God's garden
stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth
the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge,
Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.**
- 2 Its name is Jesus,
name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches
see the scars of suff'ring;
see where the tendrils
of our human selfhood
feed on its lifeblood.**
- 3 Thorns not its own are
tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it,
our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives!
its grief has not destroyed it
nor fire consumed it.**
- 4 See how its branches
reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says,
"Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness,
give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."**
- 5 This is my ending,
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.**
- 6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!**

READING – Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

See, my servant shall prosper;
he shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many
who were astonished at him —
so marred was his appearance,
beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—
so he shall startle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which had not been told them
they shall see,
and that which they had not heard
they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord
been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty
that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance
that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering
and acquainted with infirmity;
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised,
and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment
that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep
that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord
to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring,
and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord
shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction
through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant,
shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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THE SEVEN WORDS OF CHRIST FROM THE CROSS

The Sayings of Jesus on the cross (sometimes called the Seven Last Words from the Cross) are seven expressions biblically attributed to Jesus during his crucifixion. Traditionally, the brief sayings have been called "words".

A person's final articulated words said prior to death or as death approaches generally are taken to have particular significance. These seven sayings, being "last words", may provide a way to understand what was ultimately important to this man, Jesus, who was dying on the cross.

Since the 16th century, The Seven Last Words from the Cross have become an integral part of Good Friday liturgy in various Christian traditions.

Each of the Words includes a reading, reflection and hymn, during which a candle is extinguished.

HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living (339)

**1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving
to the darkest depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit
life eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**2 You have suffered great affliction
and have borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,
dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**3 Then, for all that bought my pardon,
for the sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden,
I will thank you evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing,
for the bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry,
praise you evermore on high.**

THE FIRST WORD - Luke 23:32-34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

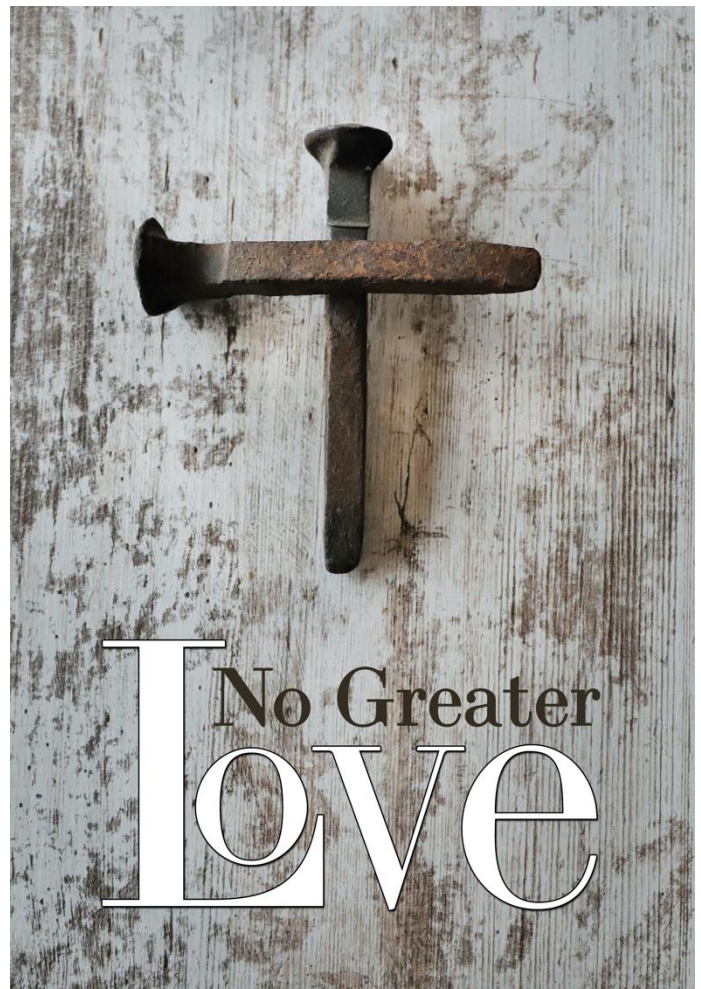
Then Jesus said,

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Father Forgive” – S.Denger/L. Dengler
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THE SECOND WORD - Luke 23: 35 - 43

And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus replied,

"Truly I tell you,
today you will be with me in Paradise."

HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me (616)

**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.**

(repeat several times)

THE THIRD WORD – John 19: 23 - 27

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother,

"Woman, here is your son."

Then he said to the disciple,

"Here is your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (338)

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and burdens of the day.**
- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus,
my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears,
two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love
and my unworthiness.**
- 3 I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.**

THE FOURTH WORD – Matthew 27: 45 - 49

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus (349)

**1 Ah, holy Jesus,
how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee
have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**2 Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason,
Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

**3 Lo, the Good Shepherd
for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned,
and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.**

**4 For me, kind Jesus,
was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow,
and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.**

**5 Therefore, kind Jesus,
since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee,
and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

THE FIFTH WORD – John 19: 28 – 29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture),

“I am thirsty.”

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted - arr. Eithun
- Lenten Folio for Piano and Handbells
- arr. Eithun

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THE SIXTH WORD – John 19: 30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said,

“It is finished.”

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This (666)

1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

THE SEVENTH WORD – Luke 23:44 - 48

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (351)

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.
- 2 How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
- 3 What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.
- 4 Lord, be my consolation;
shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing
die safely in thy love.

READING – John 19: 31 – 42

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So, they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jewish leaders, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so, he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden, there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

THE CLOSING OF THE TOMB

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

(33 times recalling the traditional age at which Jesus died)

HYMN

Were You There (353)

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**
- 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

(A time of silence follows the hymn)

THE CANDLE OF THE VIGIL

(A single candle is placed on the altar recalling the hope that we have in the promised resurrection)

After the candle is placed on the altar, the lights will be brought back up. At this time, you are free to remain and meditate on the sacrifice at the cross.

The video will continue to stream for another fifteen minutes.

Thank you for serving tonight:

The Rev. John Heidgerd - Emmanuel

The Rev. Butch Kuykendall – Zwingli UCC

The Rev. Alan Miles – Zwingli UCC

Sang Mi Chung – Emmanuel

Janet Aldinger - Emmanuel

Steve Emery – Zwingli UCC

Dcn Marlene Natali - Emmanuel

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Emmanuel Worships

“The Stations of the Cross” returns to Emmanuel

*Self-guided devotions and online devotions
set for Good Friday.*



As we enter Holy Week and approach Good Friday, the most solemn day on our church calendar, Emmanuel will once again offer “Stations of the

Cross” devotions in two formats.” One will be in-person at Emmanuel, involving a self-guided journey on the road to the cross. The second will be an “on the hour” online devotion. For many people of faith, the “Stations” serve as a deeply moving reflection on the Passion of Jesus during his final hours among us.

The Stations have an ancient history in the church, going back to nearly 1000 years ago as a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to walk in the steps of Jesus on the “Via Dolorosa” or the “Way of Sorrows”. Over the passing years, The Stations have been adapted for use around the world in several formats so that followers can revisit Christ’s Passion without having to visit Jerusalem to do so.

Today, most traditional observances have 14 stations - images arranged in numbered order along a path and the faithful travel from image to image, in order, stopping at each station to pray and reflect on the moments to remember the suffering of Jesus and the acts of love that took place. Most of the stations come directly from Holy Scripture, though several have arisen out of church tradition over the centuries. Since the 18th century, the church has most often used the following stations:

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus takes up his Cross
3. Jesus falls for the first time
4. Jesus meets his Mother
5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the Cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls for the second time
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls for the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of his garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

For many, a trip through each of these stations evokes deep emotions, running the range from outrage and anger, to gratitude and humility – gaining a greater appreciation for the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, and the injustice in the world that allowed it to happen.

This year, Emmanuel will offer an “self-guided” Stations of the Cross with stations placed in various areas of the church building, all along a path that leads to the cross. These journeys that can be taken anytime throughout the day (Friday, March 29) from 7AM to 5PM. There is no set timeframe for you to complete the “Stations” but one hour is a reasonable expectation.

The online Stations of the Cross will be featured at the top of each hour of the day, starting at 6AM. There will be a short online devotion followed by a period of reflection, lasting 15 minutes in total.

I know that Stations of the Cross might represent something new for you, but I invite you to come and connect with Christ’s Passion in this very special way. Many who travelled the Stations last year found it to be a moving and challenging experience.

If you have any questions about it, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

+ Pastor John +



Emmanuel Nurtures!



Holy Week Reflections from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

‘We turn to God when we are sorely pressed,
We pray for help
and ask for peace and bread,
We seek release
from illness, guilt, and death,
All people do in faith and unbelief’

‘We turn to God when He is sorely pressed,
And find him poor, scorned,
without roof and bread,
Bowed under weight
of weakness, sin and death,
Faith stands by God
in his dark hour of grief.’

Who Am I?

‘Who am I? They often tell me
I stepped from my cell's confinement
Calmly, cheerfully, firmly,
Like a Squire from his country house.

Who am I? They often tell me
I used to speak to my warders
Freely and friendly and clearly,
As though it were mine to command.

Who am I? They also tell me
I bore the days of misfortune
Equably, smilingly, proudly,
Like one accustomed to win.

Am I then really all that other men tell of?
Or am I only what I myself know of myself?
Restless and longing
and sick like a bird in a cage,
Struggling for breath,
as though hands were compressing my throat,

Yearning for colors, for flowers,
for voices of birds,
Thirsting for words of kindness,
for neighborliness,
Tossing in expectation of great events,
Powerlessly trembling for friends
at an infinite distance,
Weary and empty at praying,
at thinking, at doing,
Faint and ready to say farewell to it all.

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Who am I?
They mock me
these lonely questions of mine.
Whoever I am, Thou knowest, O God,
I am thine.’

From "Letters and Papers from Prison"



**Easter Sunday
Festival Service
With Special Music
March 31, 2024 – 10AM**



Emmanuel Serves !



Emmanuel E-Meal Update

553,000 Meals “Handed Up”
And Counting

Thanks Be To GOD!

There are so many connections we have made over four years that have served to support the E-Meal Ministry. However, one stands out above all the others for the sheer amount of food we access, the consistency of support, the amount of healthy food options and the innovative way they are changing the regions approach to dealing with food insecurity. That would be the Garden of Health Food Bank.

The photos above show just a few of the items we were able to gather this week from a trip to the Garden of Health warehouse. For this week’s family boxes, we will distribute brussels sprouts, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, bananas, eggplants, fresh basil and more.

You might remember that the Garden of Health, just like the E-Meal ministry, began to grow during the Covid-19 pandemic, when other food programs were shut down. Their innovative approach was to source local food and share local food with neighbors in need before it left the region to go to larger food distribution networks. Four years later, we are receiving the benefits of the Garden of Health’s creativity and hard work and it shows in what we can offer our neighbors in need each and every week.

Last year, Garden of Health kicked off the first year of their new farm in Hatfield, from which we received tons of fresh produce. As the farm expands in 2024, we look forward to even more healthy food options to share with our neighbors in need.

E-Meal Volunteers Are Needed!



Please take time today and sign up to volunteer. Dates are available through **June 30, 2024**. Signing up is easy. Scan the QR Code above or click the following link to sign up.

<https://rb.gy/47vkgh>

E-Meal Donations Are Needed!

And, if you can support the E-Meal ministry financially, please click here for a link to do so easily and securely:

[Online Giving to Emmanuel](https://bit.ly/3iRyXn2)

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Or Scan the QR Code to the right.



Emmanuel E-Meal Sponsorship

Semi-Monthly Blessings of Hope Pick Up

I/We will sponsor _____ pickups at Blessings of Hope at a cost of \$350 each.
(covers approximately 1,300 lbs. of food!)

Total Donation \$ _____

Check Enclosed

Online Donation

I am dedicating this sponsorship in honor of / memory of

Sponsor: _____

Date: _____



Emmanuel Serves!

E-Meal Anniversary Week
March 10 – March 17, 2024
Drive goes until April 7



Volunteers Always Needed
Provided With Love. For Those In Need.
Over 500,000 Meals "Handed Up" And Counting
Sharing Christ's Love with our Neighbors

at Emmanuel Lutheran Church



Monday – Saturday 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM



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Thanks Be to God!
E-Meal is still going strong after four years
Because of the generous community that supports it!

FOUR YEARS – 550,000 MEALS "HANDED UP"
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church's E-Meal Ministry
 is one of the largest feeding programs in our area.

The Need Has Never Been Greater
 The four-year inflation rate is over 25%.
 Local families have been hit hard by rising prices and reduced benefits.

Will You Help Local Families in Need?
 Please participate in our 4th Anniversary Food and Fund Drive.

Current Food Drive

Canned Meals	Canned Tuna
Canned Soup	Breakfast Cereal
Oatmeal	Canned Veggies
Pasta/Noodles	Bottled Water
Bags of Rice	Ramen Noodles
Pasta Sauce	Gluten Free Items

Food Donations may be made
Monday - Saturday
from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
Or call 215-723-7514
to arrange an alternate time.

To Donate Online

[CLICK HERE](#)
To access our secure website
Or go to:
<https://bit.ly/3ShpEPS>

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Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

Current Sunday Schedule

Adult Discussion Forum – 9AM
(1st and 3rd Sundays)

Online and In-Person Worship – 10AM

Sunday's KIDS – 10 AM

Coffee Hour – 11:00 AM

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Patricia Shoemaker, Parish Administrator

Bulletin sponsorships are available for many remaining weeks in 2024

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What's Happening @ Emmanuel 3/24/24 – 3/31/24

Sun 3/24	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service Sunday's KIDS Coffee Hour
Mon 3/25	10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	E-Meal Distribution Bushu Karate AA Meeting
Tue 3/26	9 AM – 2PM 10:00 AM - Noon 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start SEPA Chrism Mass at United Lutheran Seminary E-Meal Distribution Bushu Karate
Wed 3/27	9 AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM 2:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:45 PM 7:30 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal Distribution Online Lent Devotion Posts Bushu Karate Emmanuel Ringers Rehearsal Emmanuel Choir Rehearsal
Thu 3/28	9 AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal Distribution Bushu Karate Maundy Thursday Worship @ Zwingli
Fri 3/29	9AM – 2PM 10:30 AM – 1PM 6 AM – 6:45 PM 6 AM – 5 PM 7:00 PM	MCIU Pre-K and Head Start E-Meal EASTER Box Distribution Online Stations of the Cross Devotions Self-Guided Stations of the Cross Devotions Good Friday Worship Service
Sat 3/30	10:30 AM – 1 PM	E-Meal Distribution
Sun 3/31	10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship Service Coffee Hour



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